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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BILL WINTERMUTE, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/627,095

Filed: July 24, 2003

For: SUPPORT FOR MODULAR  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. Also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience is a copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application.

The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language document DE 296 16 865, may be found by reference to the enclosed International Search Report which indicates that the reference defines the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance. In addition, an English-language abstract is enclosed for the non-English language document.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested the above information be considered by the Examiner and a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating such information has been considered.

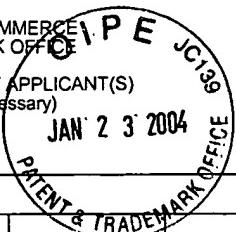
Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	<b>5,706,959</b>	<b>01/13/98</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>132</b>	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
<b>DE</b>	<b>296 16 865</b>	<b>11/14/96</b>	<b>Germany</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
<b>GB</b>	<b>2 340 385</b>	<b>02/23/00</b>	<b>Great Britain</b>			

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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